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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: PROPOSED WEU COMMITTEE VISIT TO US

1. SUMMARY: WEU COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY
AND AEROSPACE QUESTIONS PROPOSE VISIT TO US SEPTEMBER
18-28, 1977. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT SUGGEST
ALTERNATIVE DATES LATER IN FALL OR DURING SPRING OF
1978. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO CONVEY TO WEU
STAFF. END SUMMARY.

2. WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION (WEU) STAFF MEMBER HAS
APPROACHED NASA EUROPEAN REP REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN
ARRANGING VISIT TO THE US FOR FIFTEEN TO TWENTY
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PARLIAMENTARIANS OF THE WEU. ALL WOULD BE MEMBERS OF
THE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND AEROSPACE
ORGANIZATIONS. THE CURRENT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN IS UK
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT WARREN.

3. THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP WOULD BE TO:
A. DISCUSS AEROSPACE QUESTIONS;

B. LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S ENERGY PROGRAM; AND

C. DISCUSS OCEANOGRAPHY QUESTIONS.

PROPOSED DATES ARE SEPT 18-28, 1977. GROUP WOULD LIKE TO VISIT WOODSHOLE IN MASSACHUSETTS, VISIT NASA AND ERDA IN WASHINGTON, AS WELL AS CALL ON APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES. GROUP PROPOSES TRIPS TO SEATTLE TO VISIT BOEING, SAN DIEGO AND LA JOLLA TO VISIT SCRIPPS LABORATORY, LOS ANGELES, AND EDWARDS AFB TO WITNESS SHUTTLE LANDING TEST IF ONE SCHEDULED AT THAT TIME.

4. WHILE EMBASSY ENDORSES VISIT, WE QUESTION WHETHER SEPTEMBER TIME FRAME IS APPROPRIATE AND FEASIBLE. IN THIS REGARD WE NOTE THAT WEU COMMITTEE ON DEFENSE AND ARMAMENTS VISITED US FROM MARCH 27 TO APRIL 2, 1977. THUS WE WOULD HAVE TWO WEU COMMITTEE VISITS IN FAIRLY SHORT TIME FRAME. WE ALSO WONDER, GIVEN SUMMER VACATIONS, WHETHER APPROPRIATE SCHEDULE CAN BE ORGANIZED FOR SEPTEMBER VISIT. COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND AEROSPACE OF WEU LAST VISITED US IN MARCH 1975. WE NOTE THAT PREPARATIONS FOR WEU DEFENSE COMMITTEE VISIT LAST SPRING INVOLVED SOME 35 CABLES ON ARRANGEMENTS AND DETAILS. EMBASSY OFFICER WHO DEALS WITH WEU WILL BE ON LEAVE DURING AUGUST.

5. BASED ON FOREGING, WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE US TO INFORM WEU STAFF THAT WE WOULD PREFER
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DATES FOR VISIT EITHER LATER THIS FALL OR NEXT SPRING.
ACTION REQUESTED: DECISION ON WHETHER SEPTEMBER WEU VISIT WILL BE ACCEPTABLE. HARTMAN

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